Ice and snow continue to affect the UK

13 January 2013 - As forecast, the cold weather has taken hold of the UK with rain, sleet and snow affecting many areas, as well as ice causing some disruption to travel.

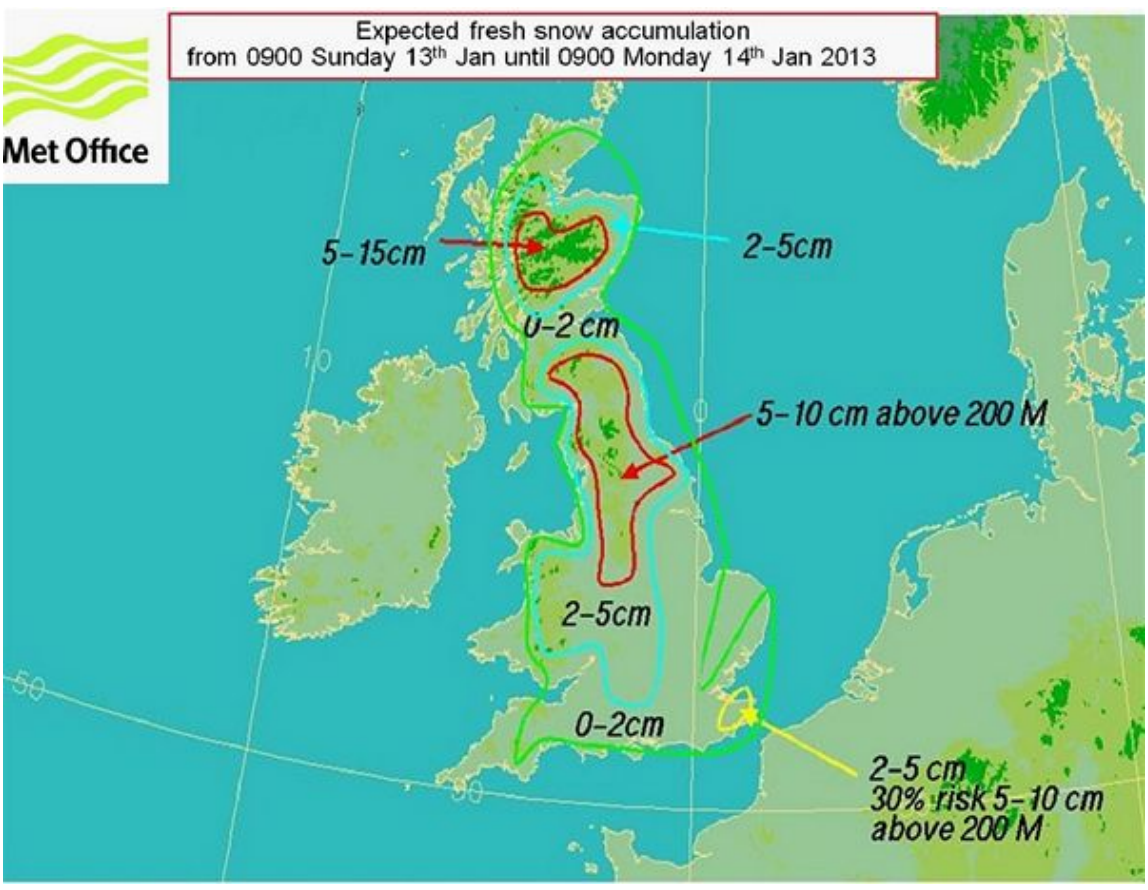
Through the rest of Sunday, Met Office forecasters are predicting snow to affect much of northern England, and parts of Wales and the Midlands. Here 2 to 4 cm is possible, with more accumulating across hills in northern England. The rest of the UK will see showers of rain or sleet but snow showers are expected to affect the far southeast of England this evening and overnight, with 2 to 5 cm settling across parts of Kent. It will be cold everywhere with widespread frost and icy stretches on untreated surfaces.

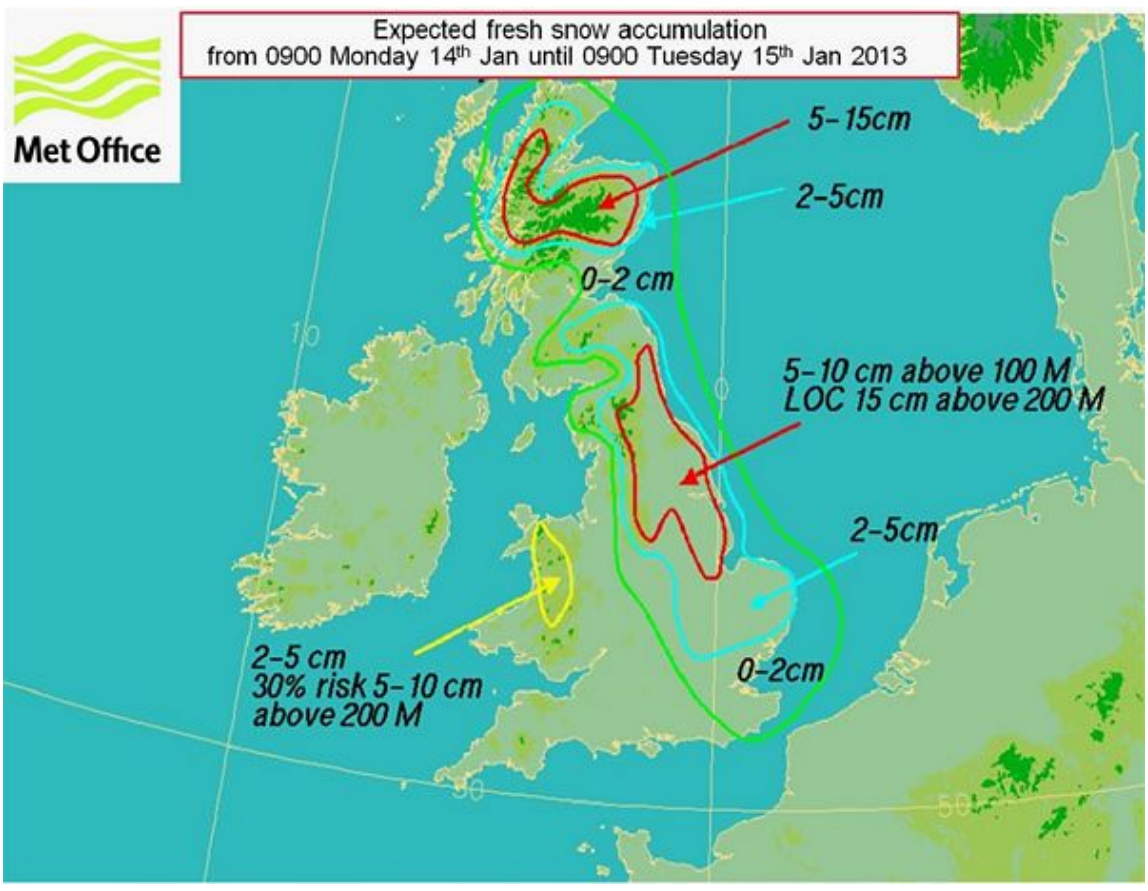
On Monday, another band of rain, sleet and snow will spread from the northwest giving further accumulations of snow to eastern parts of the UK. The East Midlands, northern England and eastern Scotland look to be particularly affected with 10 to 15 cm possible on hills. Further south and west a mixture of rain and sleet is most likely but with temperatures dropping below freezing overnight, there will be a continued risk of icy stretches developing.

Tuesday should be much drier for the bulk of the country but further snow showers are expected to affect eastern coasts giving a further few centimetres in places.

Weather warnings for ice and snow have been issued for many parts of the UK over the weekend and people should be aware that there could be some disruption to travel.

Andy Page, Met Office Chief Forecaster, said: "We expect rain, sleet and snow to affect many parts of the UK over the next day or so, with eastern areas of Britain seeing the most snowfall. With some very low temperatures overnight we expect ice to cause some impacts too and people should be aware that there is likely to be some travel disruption."





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Cold weather is forecast to remain through much of next week with any further snow most likely across eastern parts of the UK and, as ever, the latest forecasts and warnings can be found on the Met Office website, on our mobile apps , and through TV and radio broadcasts on the BBC and ITV.

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